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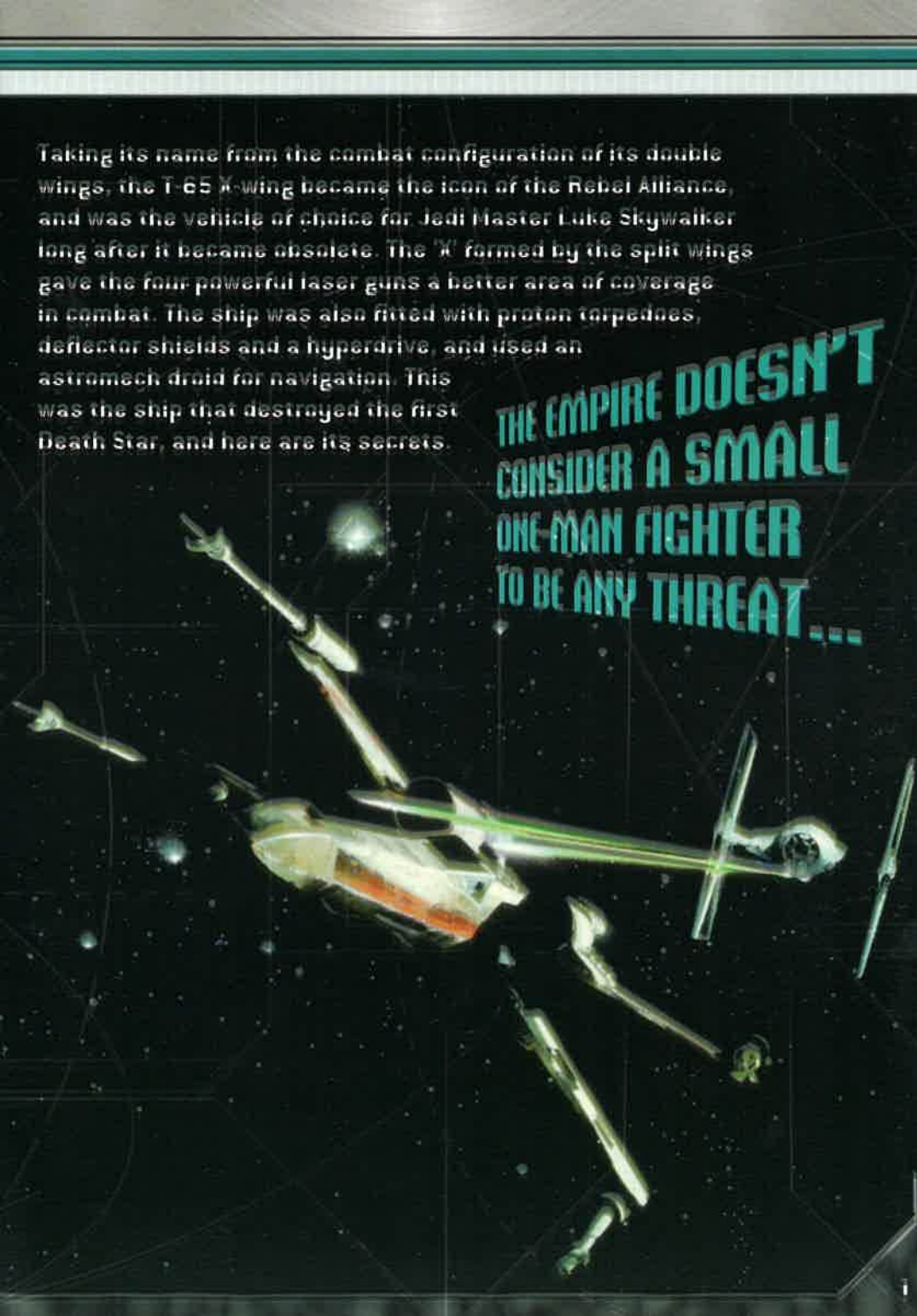
Taking its name from the combat configuration of its double wings, the T-65 X-wing became the icon of the Rebel Alliance, and was the vehicle of choice for Jedi Master Luke Skywalker long after it became obsolete. The 'X' formed by the split wings gave the four powerful laser guns a better area of coverage in combat. The ship was also fitted with proton torpedoes, deflector shields and a hyperdrive, and used an astromech droid for navigation. This was the ship that destroyed the first Death Star, and here are its secrets.



THE HISTORY
OF THE X-WING

The Rebellion owed a huge debt to the Incom Corporation engineers who designed the X-wing and repeatedly enhanced its performance. The fighter quickly became the pillar of the Rebel star fleet, and remained so during the entire Galactic Civil War.

As the Empire began to take the threat of the Rebellion seriously, its spies reported that key engineering staff within the famed Incom Corporation might have more than just sympathy for the Rebel cause. That an operation so central to the Empire's schemes should harbour traitors could not be tolerated. But even as plans for the seizure of Incom went ahead, and agents of the Imperial Security Bureau moved in, the Rebellion made a daring raid, rescuing the engineers, the plans and only two prototypes in existence of the new fighter craft Incom had been developing – the T-65 X-wing. The Rebel victory was a major blow to the Empire. The Alliance gained a ship that would be instrumental in virtually all of its greatest victories throughout the conflict and beyond. One reason for the X-wing's long service life was that the engineers who built and maintained the craft constantly evaluated the vessels' performance, and repeatedly tinkered with and tweaked the designs and specifications.

Ready For Combat

Like its predecessor, the Z-95 Headhunter, the X-wing had a deserved reputation not only for speed, but for being tough too. Though the Empire tried to play down the threat of the X-wing, it was forced to develop a ship designed to combat the X-wing directly – the TIE interceptor, which came online in time for the

Battle of Endor, though not, fortunately, in significant numbers.

All Things To All Pilots

Perhaps the single greatest element of the design of the X-wing fighter, and one that made the ship so valuable to the Alliance, was in the control systems. Incom modelled them on those of the popular airspeeders such as the T-16 Skyhopper and other similar civilian atmosphere craft. This meant that pilots coming to the Alliance with little or no experience of combat starships could quickly adapt to the familiar controls of the X-wing. Outer Rim 'bush pilots' such as Biggs Darklighter, Jek Porkins and – most famously – Luke Skywalker took to the X-wing in no time, with devastating results for the Empire.

A Pilot's Best Friend

One of the things that made the X-wing fighter such a threat to the Empire was its ability to travel through hyperspace. The ships could use the notorious hit-and-fade tactics that became key to Alliance strategy, operating independently of the large base ships the Empire's fighters required. However, the X-wing has no built-in nav-computer for calculating hyperspace jumps. Instead, a socket built just behind the pilot allows an astromech droid to hold up to 10 jumps, as well as make some combat repairs, tune the ship's performance in flight, and even bring the ship home if the pilot is injured or killed.

INTO BATTLE!

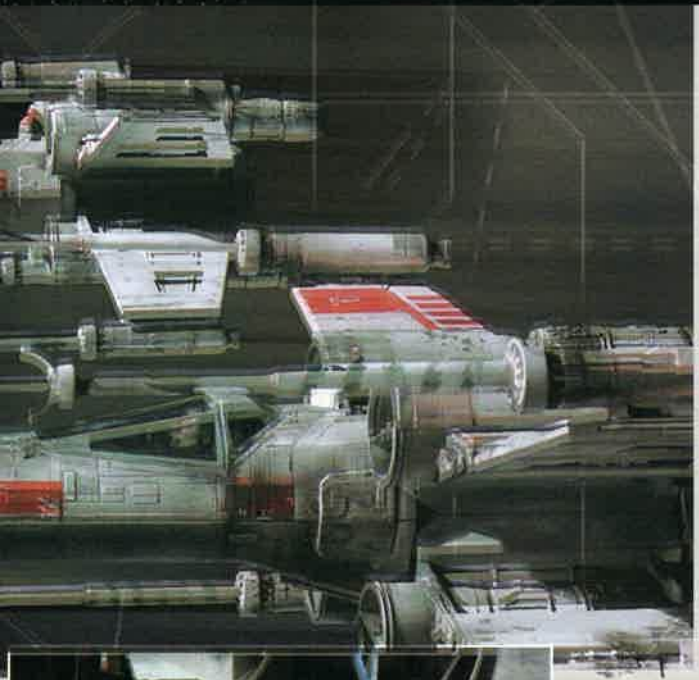
THE X-WING STARFIGHTER

Equipped with a powerful armament package capable of dealing with almost any combat situation, the X-wing became the best starfighter in the Rebel Alliance and played a decisive role in the victories at Yavin and Endor.

The X-wing was not only the Rebel's best starfighter; in the hands of a pilot like Wedge Antilles, leader of the legendary Rogue Squadron, it was easily the best fighter craft in the galaxy. A small band of X-wing pilots would ensure victories at the Battles of Yavin and Endor, and help prevent the retreat at Hoth from becoming a rout by escorting and protecting the fleeing Rebel convoys. Individual pilots in such Rebel Alliance X-wing squadrons were identified by the colour-coded bands on the wings of their ships. For example, at the Battle of Yavin, Luke Skywalker's X-wing had five red strips on the wing, so his call sign was Red Five.

The Battle of Yavin

Thanks to the efforts of Princess Leia, the Alliance obtained the technical readouts of the first Death Star – a battle station easily



able to destroy a planet. However, the station's designer, Bevel Lemelisk, hadn't allowed for an audacious X-wing attack exposing a deadly weakness, nor for the Force-guided shot fired by Luke Skywalker that destroyed the Death Star.

The Battle of Endor

Wedge Antilles could have re-equipped his squadron with ships such as the new super-fast A-wing, or heavily armed B-wing. Instead, his Rogue Squadron kept its X-wings and, during the historic attack at Endor, the pilots once more became Red Group, in honour of the fallen at Yavin. Even before Endor, Rogue Squadron had been legendary but after the second Death Star was gone, it became an icon of the New Republic. It saw action in the New Republic's service at Bakura, Borleias, the liberation of Coruscant, and at Thyferra.

Briefly reunited with Luke Skywalker, his boyhood friend, Biggs Darklighter lost his life at the Battle of Yavin, shot down by Darth Vader himself.

LUKE SKYWALKER
THE LIVING FORCE

Jedi often follow a path as beset with pain and suffering as by joy and peace. A living example of this, Luke Skywalker went from the simple life of a farm boy to become the greatest hero in the galaxy.

Luke Skywalker passed a difficult childhood on the harsh Outer Rim desert world of Tatooine, working hard on the moisture farm owned by his uncle, Owen Lars. Luke was never told the truth about his parentage by his foster parents. Instead, he grew up believing that his father had been a navigator on a spice freighter. Luke had no idea that Anakin Skywalker had once been a Jedi Knight and an incredible pilot.

As the Republic crumbled and Darth Vader was created from the ashes of Anakin Skywalker, two surviving Jedi Masters, Yoda and Obi-Wan Kenobi, hid the existence of Anakin's twin children. Luke was given to Owen Lars and his wife, Beru. Luke's sister, Leia, was entrusted to Bail Organa, Viceroy of Alderaan.

A Pilot's Destiny

On the Lars farm, Luke learned to survive in the harsh desert climate as he maintained the farm's equipment and droids. However, his thoughts were always far away, lost in dreams of adventure and far-off places.

Growing up, Luke became an excellent bush pilot in his souped up T-16

PROFILE

Affiliation
Rebel Alliance, Jedi Order, Rogue Squadron

Birth planet
Tatooine

Height
1.72 metres

Weapon
Lightsaber, blaster pistol

'It is you and your abilities the Emperor wants. That is why your friends are made to suffer.' **Obi-Wan Kenobi**

Skyhopper, blasting dangerous, agile womp rats with his friends Tank, Cammie and Biggs. Luke wanted to follow Biggs into the Imperial Academy, to learn to pilot starships, but his uncle always needed him – just one more season, just one more, he was told.

Luke's dull, ordered world was to be blown apart. The growing rebellion against the Empire, seemingly so far away, came to

Tatooine. Luke was drawn into the conflict thanks to an unexpected encounter with a pair of battered droids – C-3PO and R2-D2.

A Chance Meeting

Escaping from an Imperial attack on their starship, the two droids had landed in the deep desert of Tatooine, where they were captured by scavenging Jawas. It was then that fate, or the Force, brought C-3PO, R2-D2 and Luke together, when Owen Lars bought the two droids from the junk dealers. While cleaning R2-D2 for his uncle, Luke stumbled on a message that Leia Organa had concealed in the little astromech. In turn, this led him to Obi-Wan Kenobi, who had hidden on Tatooine so that he could watch over Luke.

Luke was about to be thrown into the heart of the galactic conflict, as the Empire sought the droids and the information R2-D2 was carrying. Imperial stormtroopers tracked the droids to the Lars farmstead, murdering Owen and Beru. Luke was forced to join Obi-Wan, who had revealed some of his true heritage, and had given Luke his father's lightsaber. Luke was taking his first steps into a larger universe.

Luke Skywalker

Initially dismissed by Yoda as an impatient dreamer, Luke was an exceptional pilot. Thanks to the Force, to his training under Yoda, and to his own determination, Luke took his innate gifts and rose to become the first of a new order of Jedi Masters.

'Your father... was a great pilot. You'll do all right. If you've got half of your father's skill, you'll do better than all right.' Rebel pilot

Luke and Leia: A New Hope?

Luke and the droids needed to escape from Tatooine and the Imperial forces as soon as possible, so Obi-Wan engaged the services of Han Solo and his co-pilot, Chewbacca, a Wookiee who once fought beside Yoda. Following the instructions of Leia Organa, they planned to deliver Artoo to her father on Alderaan. However, as they came out of hyperspace, Han's ship was captured by the Death Star – the enormous battle station that had just destroyed the planet.

Luke and his companions discovered that Leia was also a prisoner aboard the Death Star and set out to rescue her. They were able to free the Princess and escaped the station, although Obi-Wan was seemingly killed by Darth Vader.

On the run, the desperate fugitives headed for the Rebel base on a moon of Yavin, but the Imperials tracked their arrival in Han's ship, the *Millennium Falcon*. The Rebels had one last chance, as the plans that Artoo was carrying enabled the Rebels to mount a last-ditch starfighter assault on the station that resulted in its destruction.

Joining the attack aboard a Rebel X-wing with R2-D2, the farmboy from Tatooine had his chance to prove his ability as a pilot at last.

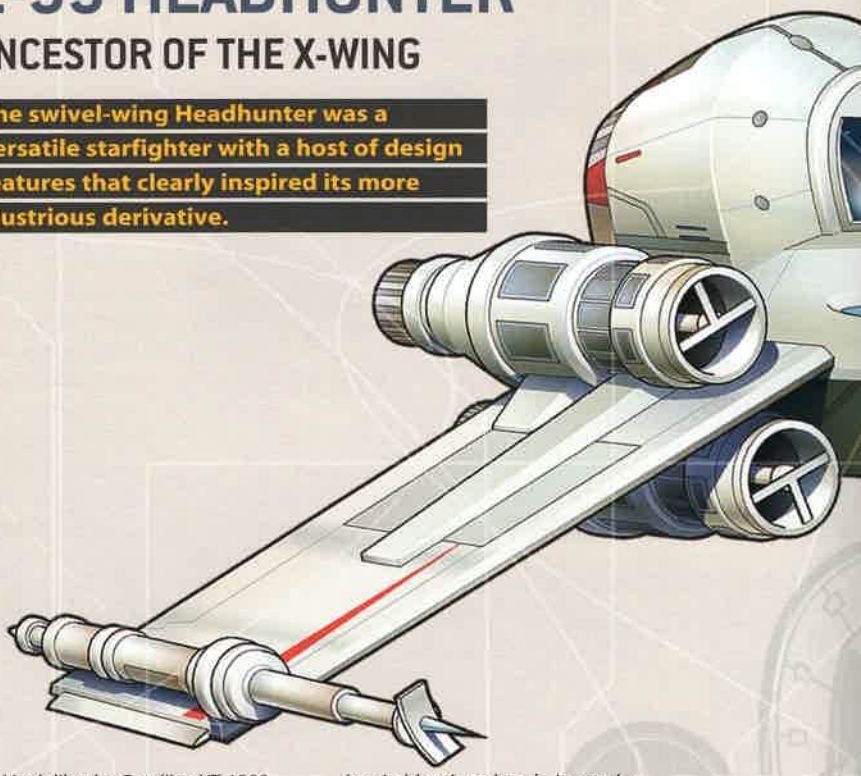
In Command

After the Battle of Yavin, Luke was promoted to a full Commander in the Alliance. Led by Luke, Rogue Squadron flew the snowspeeder patrols around the new Rebel hide-out on Hoth, and it was squadron pilots who attempted to hold back the advancing AT-AT walkers when the Empire began its ground assault on Echo Base. When evacuation became inevitable, Luke and Artoo left the planet in his X-wing. Rather than rejoining their fellow Rebels, Luke headed for a planet he'd been told to seek out by the spirit of Obi-Wan Kenobi. On Dagobah, Obi-Wan had promised, Luke would find the last Jedi Master – Yoda.

Z-95 HEADHUNTER

ANCESTOR OF THE X-WING

The swivel-wing Headhunter was a versatile starfighter with a host of design features that clearly inspired its more illustrious derivative.

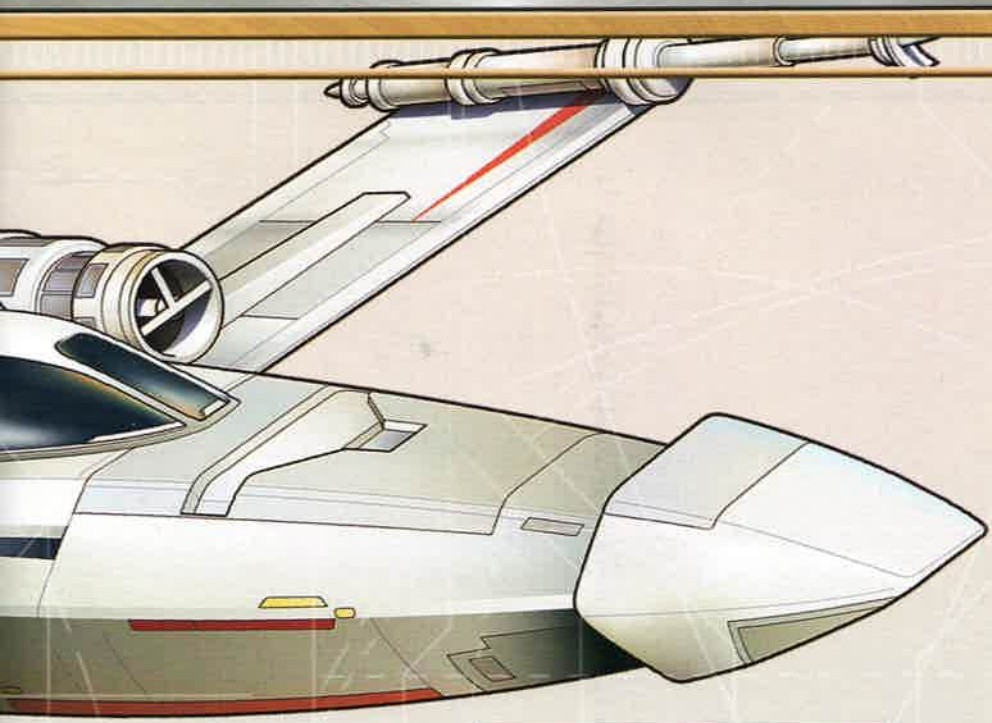


Much like the Corellian YT-1300 freighters, the Z-95 Headhunter became one of the galaxy's most common ships of its class because of its toughness, adaptability and ease of maintenance.

The Incom/Subpro Z-95 Headhunter was, for a long time, the mainstay starfighter of innumerable customs patrols, planetary and space-installation defence forces, private fighter fleets and, inevitably, pirate bands. It was the leading starfighter of its day, and the obvious ancestor of the X-wing, even though it remained in use during the Galactic Civil War and beyond, into the era of the New Republic.

Humble Origins

Though known as a starfighter, the original Mark I ship, designated the Z-95 S, was designed mainly for use within a planet's atmosphere. The wings swivelled for better flight profile (hence



the 'S' in the designation), but the ship could be adapted for space flight. It had a 'bubble cockpit' for increased visibility, and was highly manoeuvrable.

Ever Changing

When the Z-95 S was adapted for use in space, the wings were fixed and the bubble cockpit replaced by a sleeker, better-armoured version. A new Z-95 model was released every standard year, with each generation faster and more agile than before. As technicians across the galaxy grew increasingly familiar with this hardy vessel, more and more unique versions began popping up. After the Battle of Endor, on the long road to the liberation of Coruscant, Rogue Squadron encountered many bizarre craft that used the Z-95 as their core frame. These were dubbed 'uglies'.

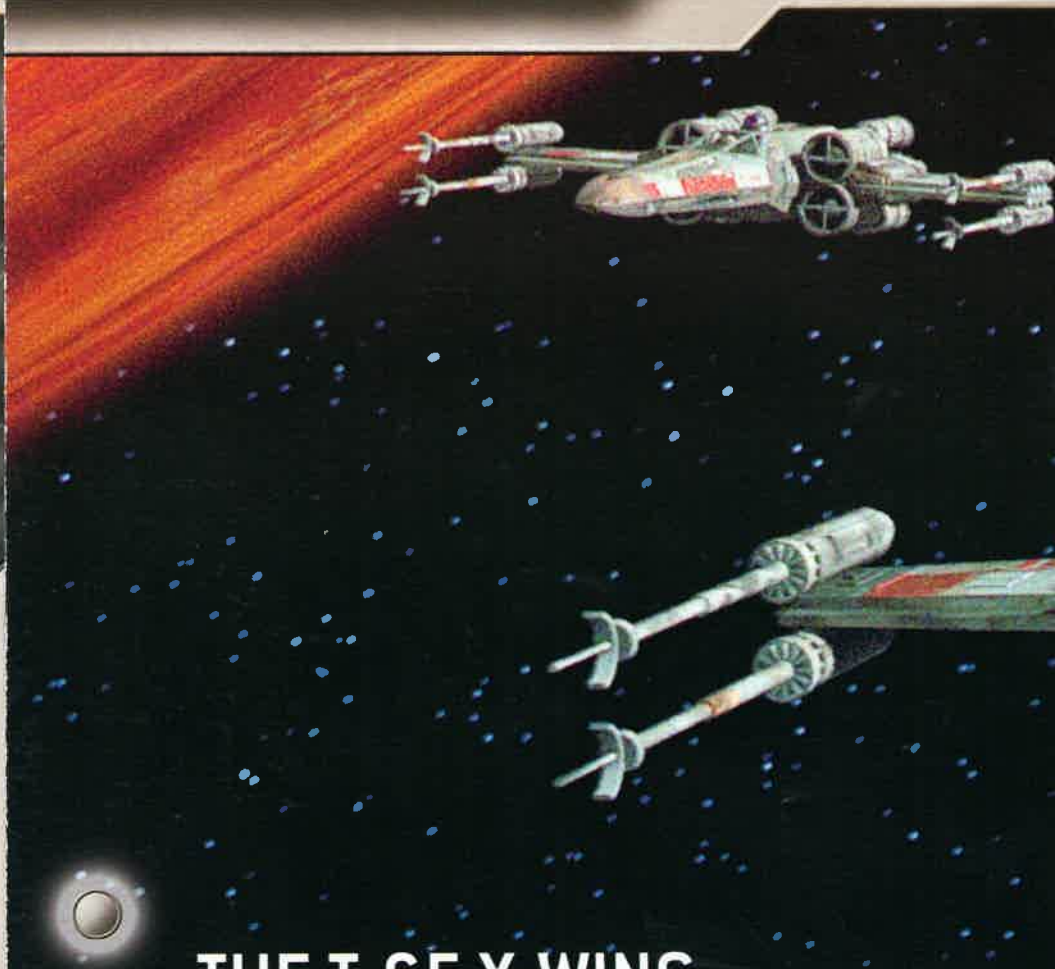
Z-95 Headhunter Profile

Length
11.8 metres

Engines
4 x Incom 2a Ion fission engines

Armament
2 x Taim & Bak KX5 laser cannons
2 x Krupx MG5 concussion missile Launchers (4 missiles each)

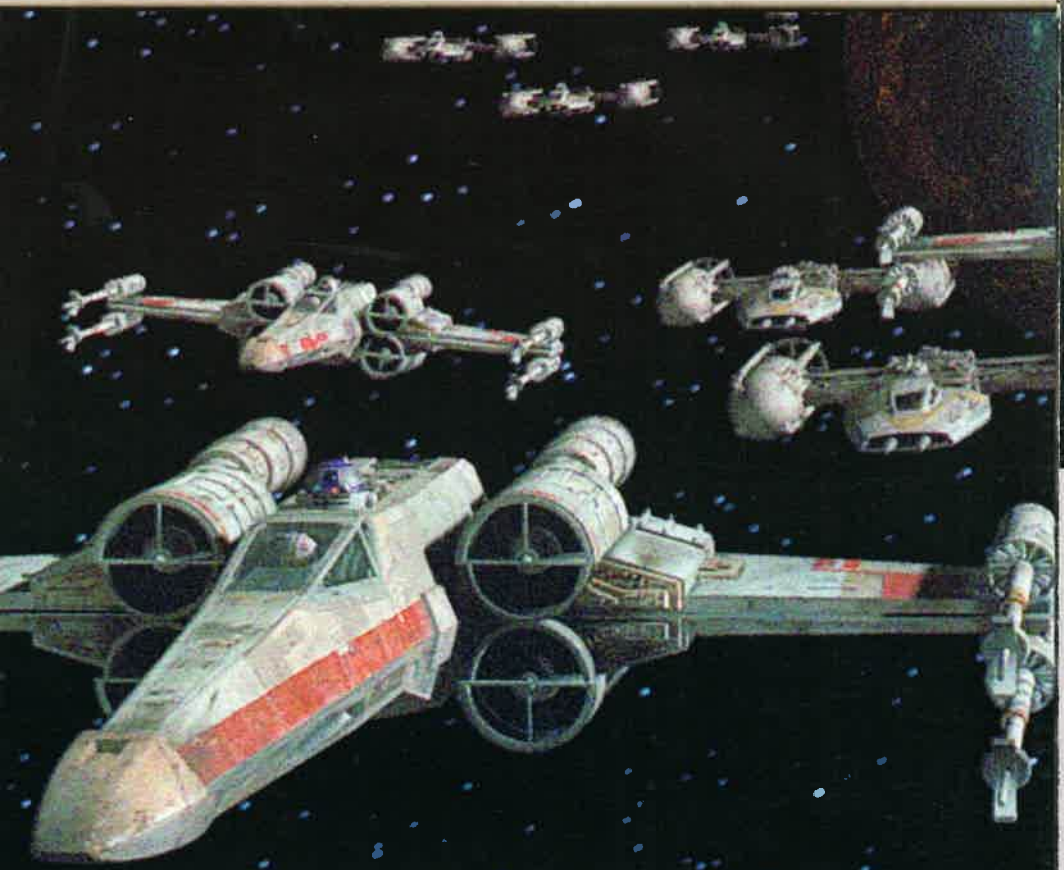
Affiliation
Used by almost all forces, including the Rebel Alliance



THE T-65 X-WING

STARFIGHTER SYMBOL OF THE REBELLION

The Battle of Yavin proved once and for all how wrong the Empire was to underestimate the threat posed by the X-wing. Fast, agile and tough, these small one-man fighters were easily a match for the Imperial TIE fighters and packed enough firepower to deliver a knock-out blow when they reached the target.



Subjected to a hard working life, X-wings often sport traces of their many combat engagements – a burn here, a dent there. The fact that these 'scruffy' craft always live up to their technical designation of 'space superiority fighters' is testament to the ability both of the ships and those who fly them.

The elegant sweep of the X-wing's fuselage is 12.5m long. The main hull is flanked by four large engines, just behind the cockpit, located at the approximate centre of the ship. A socket just behind the cockpit allows an astromech droid effectively to act as the co-pilot. Able to tune the in-flight performance of ship systems and repair minor damage, the droid is more than just a mobile store for hyperspace co-ordinates.

The success of the T-65 is often put down to the original design of the double wings, or 'S-foils'. As well as stabilising the fighter in atmospheric flight, the wings make it possible to distribute the deflector shield 'bubble' evenly, and offer a better spread of fire from the wingtip-mounted lasers. They remain locked for both cruising and hyperspace travel, only splitting and locking into the signature 'X' configuration in combat or atmospheric flight. Each wingtip carries a long-range Taim & Bak KX9 laser cannon. These can be set to fire individually, in pairs or simultaneously. The ship also mounts two banks of three Krupx MG7 proton torpedoes – the weapons Luke Skywalker used to destroy the first Death Star.

THE T-65 X-WING STARFIGHTER

INCOM CORPORATION SPACE SUPERIORITY FIGHTER

Affiliation
Rebel Alliance

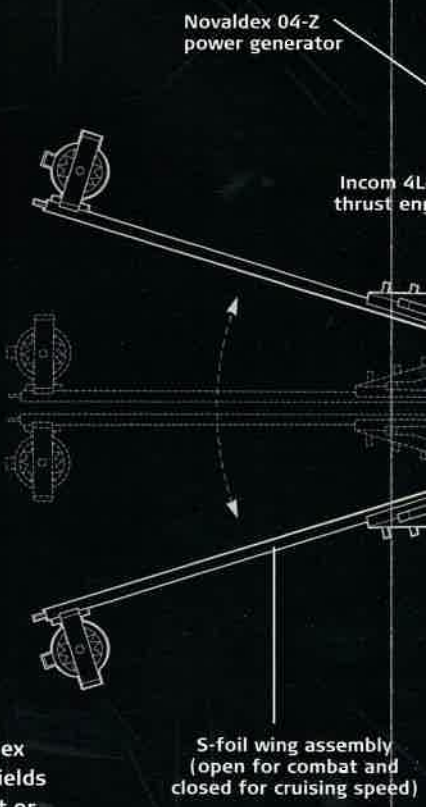
Manufacturer
Incom Corporation

Length
12.5 metres

Speed
Sublight 110 MGLT
Atmosphere 1050 km/h

Hyperdrive
Incom GBk-585 hyperdrive motivation unit

Computer
Torplex Rq8.Y avionics control package



X-wing versus TIE fighter
The power generator on the X-wing, a Novaldex O4-Z ionisation reactor, easily powers the shields and weapons on the craft. Though not as fast or manoeuvrable as the Imperial TIE fighter, the X-wing's titanium-alloy hull can withstand considerably more damage than the TIE, giving the pilot time to bring his superior weapons to bear. The X-wing can also enter hyperspace when required, and the pilot doesn't have to wear a restrictive flight suit, as the X-wing has a life-support system – two things the TIE can't boast.

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The astromech aboard the X-wing can hold up to ten sets of hyperspace jump co-ordinates, giving the fighter expanded independent operational parameters.

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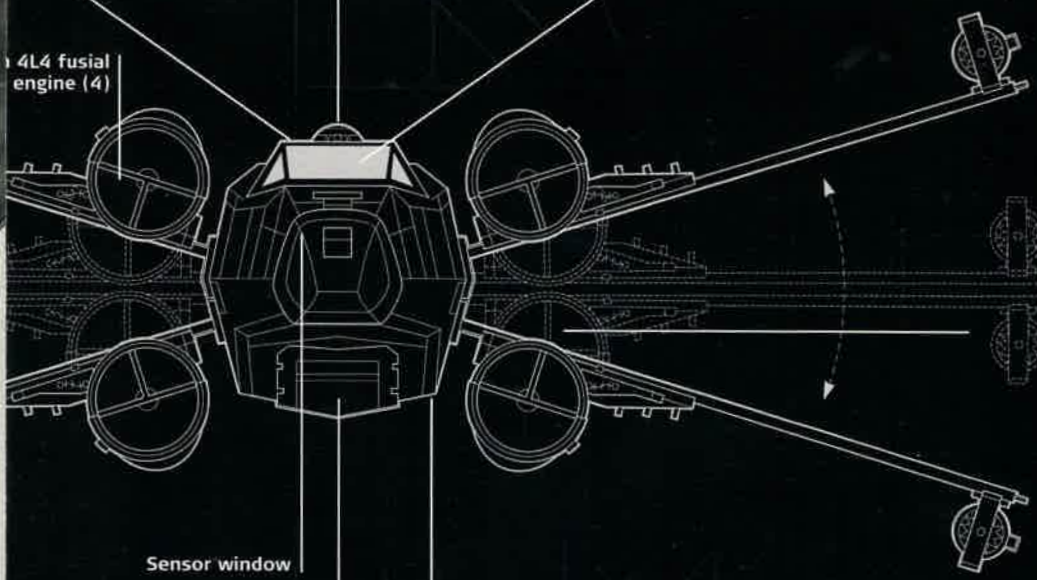
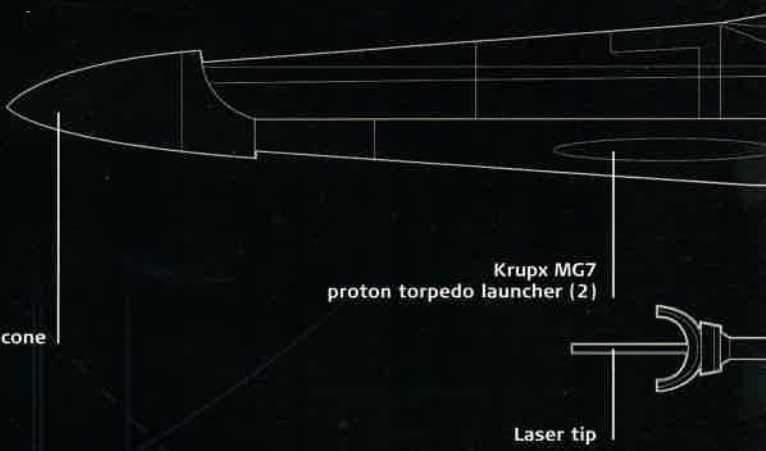


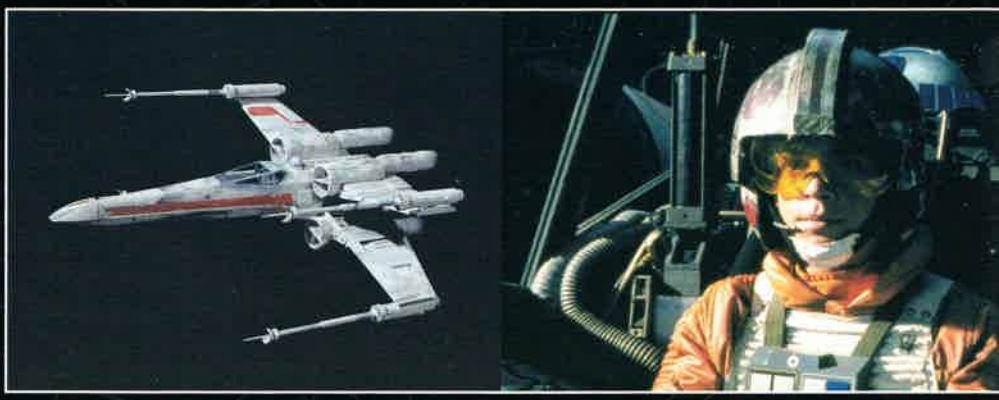
Sensor window

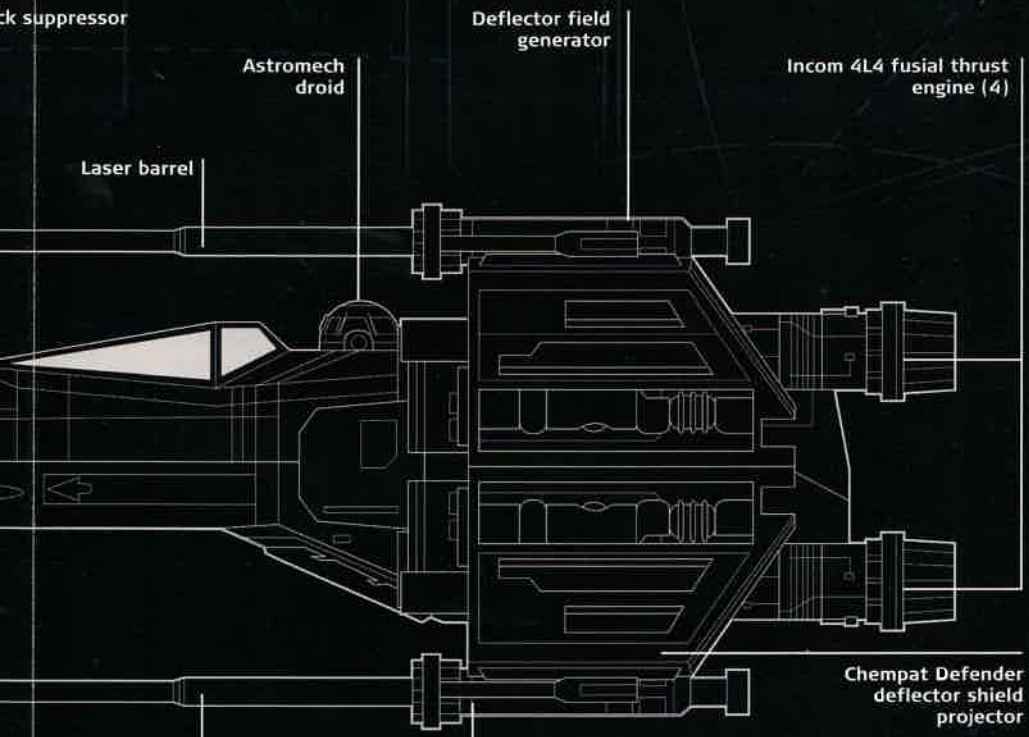
Krupx MG7 proton torpedo launcher (2)

Cargo compartment

One of the principal assets of the X-wing starfighter is its strength. It can survive even some direct hits thanks to its titanium-alloy hull and its Chempat Defender deflector shield projector.







Pilot protection

Although heavily armed, the X-wing remains a fast, tough hunter. It boasts a number of items of equipment that set it apart from the vast majority of fighters – a Gax revival life support system, and a Guidenhauser ejection seat for dire emergencies. Temperature regulators and inertial dampers protect the pilot from the stresses and strains of high-speed combat. In long-range operations, the ship holds oxygen and consumables for a full standard week, assuming there is no combat. Additional supplies can be carried, though this affects the performance of the fighter.

TRAINING REMOTE

JEDI TRAINING DEVICE

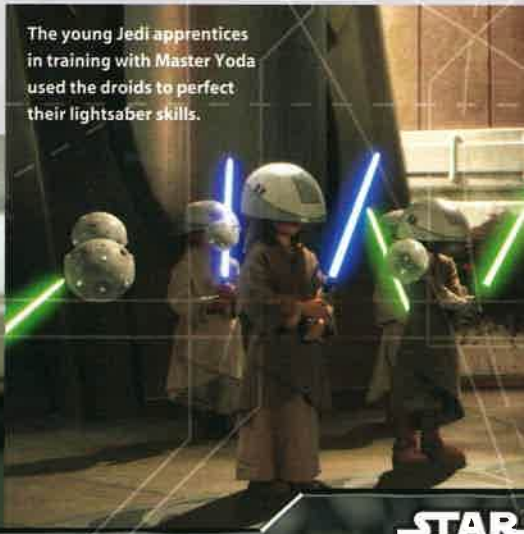
Used for target practice by everyone, from the guardians of the Old Republic to smugglers and mercenaries, training remotes are among the simplest kinds of droid. However, they can be a remarkably effective training aid, as Luke Skywalker himself discovered.

Found across the galaxy, training remotes are a common piece of technology. Generally about 15cm in diameter, a remote is a small sphere equipped with a repulsorlift motor and micro-thrusters for flight. They also carry a set of sensors and basic targeting software, and are fitted with harmless blaster weapons designed to sting a little – and nothing else.

At one time, remotes were even used by the Jedi in the Old Republic to train their young Padawans. Jedi apprentices were taught to use remotes while wearing helmets that blocked their vision, forcing the Padawan to use the Force to guide their training lightsabers and avoid or deflect the humiliating sting of the blasters.

A Popular Choice

The most common model of such remote training devices is the Industrial Automaton Marksman-H Combat Remote. This was the type of remote (by then slightly scruffy and battered) that Han Solo had aboard the *Millennium Falcon* when Luke first travelled with the Corellian smuggler. For blaster users such as Han, the remote can automatically detect when a hit has been scored without the weapon needing to be fired at even low



The young Jedi apprentices in training with Master Yoda used the droids to perfect their lightsaber skills.

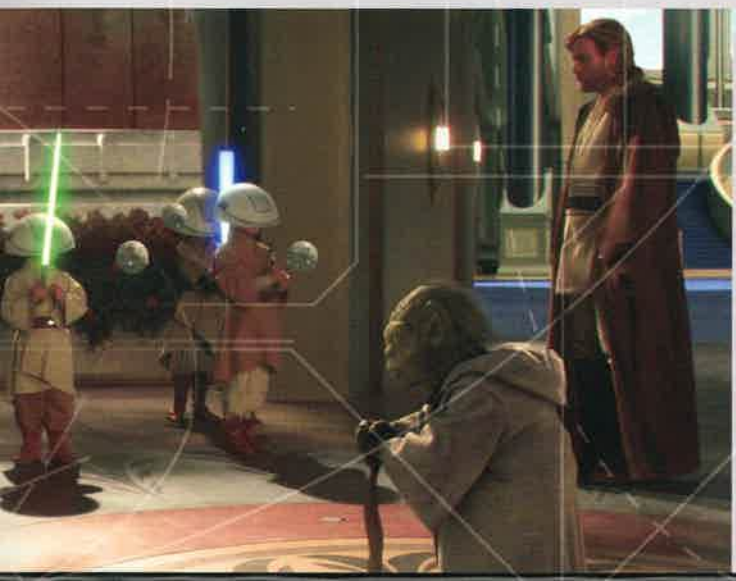
During his first trip on board the *Millennium Falcon*, Luke Skywalker used a Marksman-H belonging to Han Solo to take his first steps in using a lightsaber.

intensity. In turn, the blasters on the remote can be set to emit only beams of light, or can be raised in intensity until they can render a limb unusable for some hours – quite an incentive to improve…

Origins Of The Remote

The original concept of the remotes came after George Lucas envisaged drone spies patrolling the streets of Mos Eisley in *Star Wars* Episode IV: *A New Hope*. The scenes proved too difficult to film with the technology available at the time, so the remote made an appearance in the *Millennium Falcon* instead.

'A Jedi can feel the Force flowing through him.' Obi-Wan Kenobi



PROFILE

Manufacturer
Industrial Automaton

Type
Repulsorlift sphere

Size
15cm diameter

Characteristics
Small floating spheres equipped with harmless blasters and basic sensor packages.

DAGOBAH
REFUGE OF THE LAST JEDI MASTER

Seeking to become a 'great warrior' like his father, Luke Skywalker flew his X-wing from Hoth to Dagobah where Obi-Wan Kenobi had told him seek out the Jedi Master Yoda. On the swampy, inhospitable planet, Luke was initiated into many of the secrets of the Force.

Dagobah seems as though it was always a troubled world. In the expansionist era of the Old Republic, several colonies floundered and died in the ever-present mud and brackish water of Dagobah. It was eventually declared uninhabitable, yet the swampy surface supports a massive amount of life.

Dagobah was also notable for being the final home for Yoda, the last surviving member of the Old Republic's Jedi Council after Palpatine's brutal Jedi Purge. It is thought that, long ago, a Dark Jedi was killed on Dagobah, and that the terrible mark left by his passing was sufficient to conceal Yoda from the Emperor.

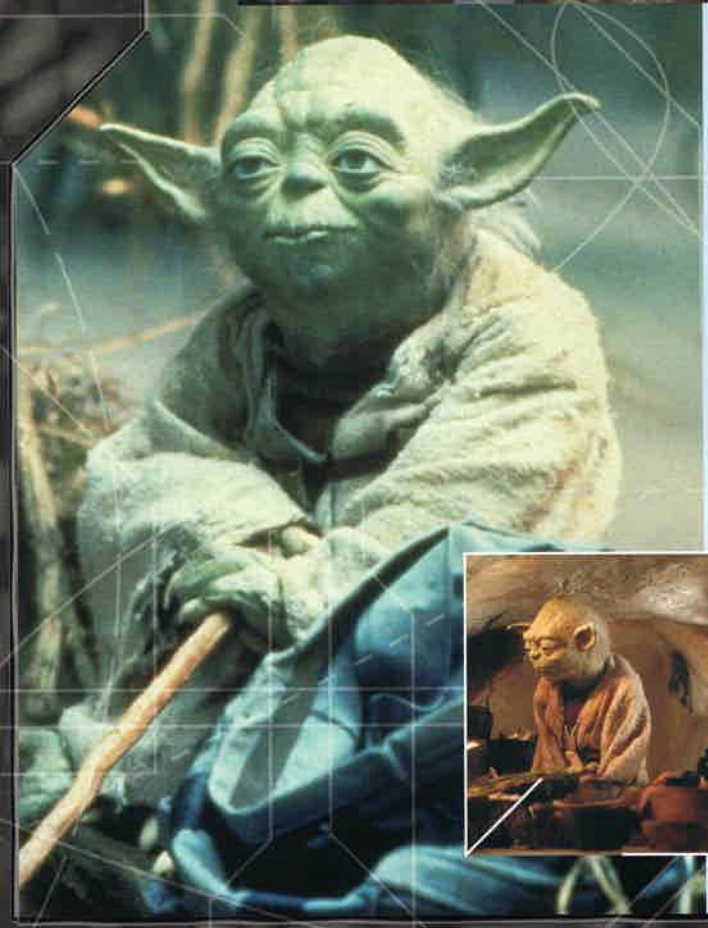
Guided by the Force

Dagobah appeared on no starcharts when Luke Skywalker sought it out. Indeed, thanks to his efforts after becoming a Jedi Master, the planet's location is still kept a relative secret. Luke was guided to Dagobah by the Force, a fact that made R2-D2 very nervous at the time. Their arrival did little to enamour either occupant of the Rebel X-wing that made the trip from the ruins of Echo Base Hoth. On attempting to land, Luke's ship lost power and eventually crashed suspiciously close to the Jedi Master's house. Neither Yoda nor the terrain of Dagobah made Luke's training very easy – but, then, that is the way it should be for a Jedi.

Harsh Lessons

It was on Dagobah that Luke learned the truth about his father – that Anakin Skywalker was Darth Vader. Here, too, Luke witnessed the passing of the old Order of the Jedi, with the death of Yoda. However, it was on Dagobah that he learned that Princess Leia was his sister, and found the strength to face his destiny...

'I'm looking for a great warrior.' Luke
'Wars do not make one great.' Yoda



Yoda's Hut

Like the humble dwelling of Obi-Wan Kenobi on Tatooine, Yoda's hut radiated the air of time-worn tranquillity and inner security typical of a Jedi. Yoda, like Obi-Wan, seemed to disdain the creature comforts considered essential across the galaxy. The first sight of the hut revealed something like a monk's cell pierced by small windows without glass or shutters to keep out the weather.

Although he only spent a short time there, Yoda's hut was one of the most significant places in Luke's life. Though small and made of entirely natural materials that were quickly reclaimed by the swamp after its owner's death, the hut was warm, dry and comfortable. Lacking technology, through inclination as well as prudence, Yoda lived a simple life that was in tune with his surroundings, and perfectly attuned to the Living Force.

Yoda explained the concept of the Force to his new young apprentice: 'A Jedi's strength flows from the Force. But beware of the dark side. Anger… fear… aggression. The dark side of the Force are they. Easily they flow, quick to join you in a fight. If once you start down the dark path, forever will it dominate your destiny, consume you it will, as it did Obi-Wan's apprentice.'

Shortly after this, Luke was first faced with the dark legacy of his own heritage when he battled a ghostly Darth Vader. Striking off the Sith Lord's helmeted head, Luke was shocked to see his own face looking back at him. At the time he didn't know the meaning of the lesson. Waiting outside the cave, Yoda knew. Soon after, on Bespin's Cloud City, Luke would discover that Darth Vader was his father.

'I cannot teach him.
The boy has no patience.' Yoda

'He will learn patience.' Obi-Wan Kenobi

'Hmmm. Much anger in him,
like his father.' Yoda

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

THE JOURNEY OF A HERO

For such a central character in the *Star Wars* story, Luke Skywalker evolved a surprising amount before he was brought to the screen in the portrayal delivered by actor Mark Hamill. The character's age, background, name and even his sex were changed as George Lucas developed the idea for his landmark film.

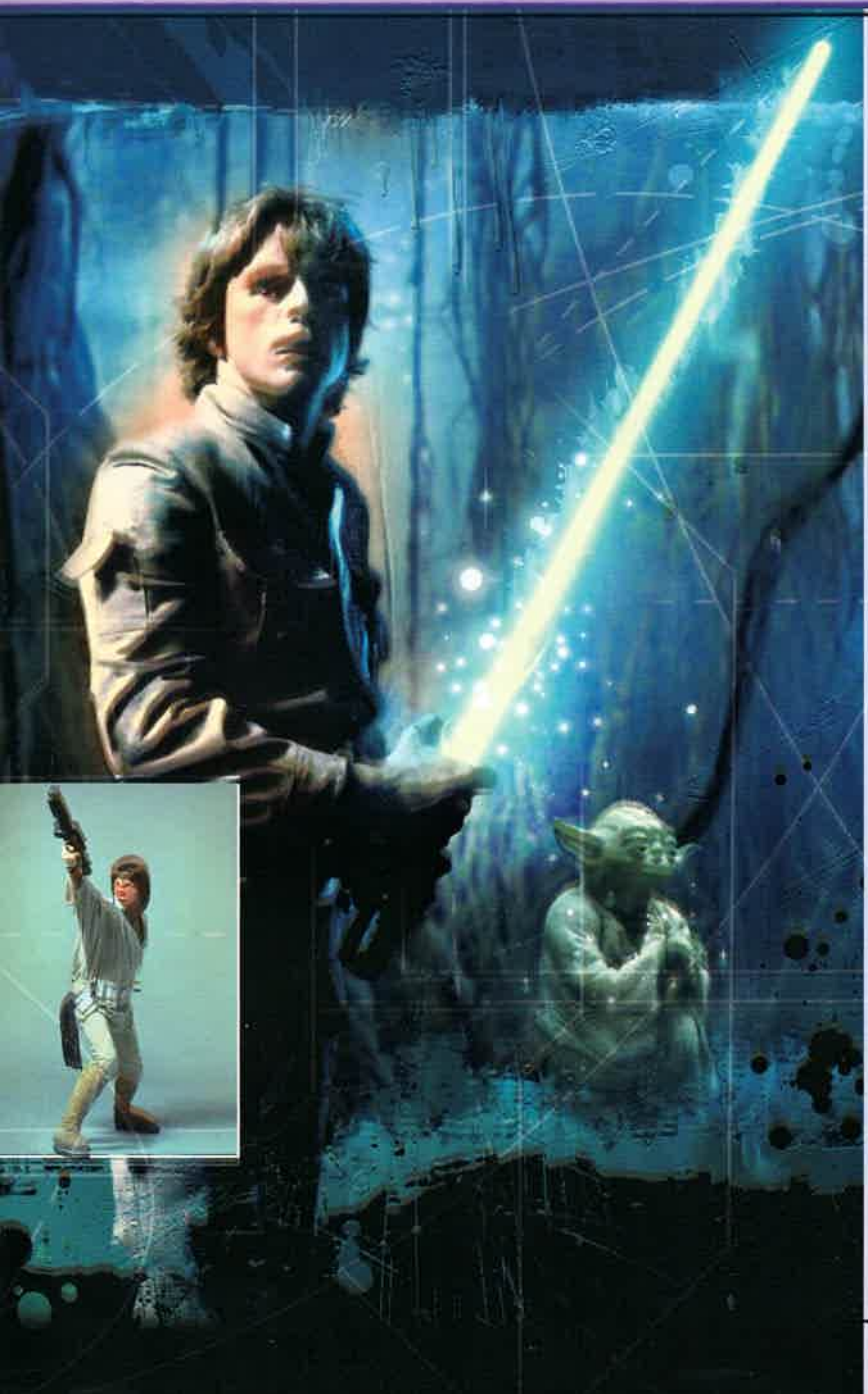
Looking back from the point of view of the finished movies, Luke Skywalker's journey from naive farmboy to accomplished Jedi Knight is an essential element of the *Star Wars* saga. From a relative innocent, Luke rises to become a key figure in the Rebel Alliance, and helps take the fight to the Empire. The character has important roles in *A New Hope*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, and *The Return of the Jedi* and many later stories set in the New Republic.

Early Ideas

Luke Skywalker's importance makes it all the more surprising that his character – like other key figures in the original trilogy – underwent many changes as the story was shaped over the years of its development. At one point, he was even a grizzled 60-year-old general – just like Obi-Wan! In one draft of the story, Luke was a female, with characteristics reminiscent of both Luke and Leia, and was rescued by a lightsaber-wielding character who would evolve to become Han Solo.

Central Character

Even when Luke's character finally became a 20-year-old farmboy, he was called Luke Starkiller – a name that stuck until the fourth full revision of the story. Californian-born actor Mark Hamill was picked to bring the role to life in the original trilogy and also in the first two of the celebrated National Public Radio adaptations. Luke had become so central that he was the main focus of the early publishing campaigns, so that the novelisation of *A New Hope* was even dubbed "from the Adventures of Luke Skywalker".



Mark Hamill

Mark Hamill was born in Oakland, California, on 25 September 1951. In 1977, Hamill was badly injured in a car accident, and had to undergo serious facial reconstructive surgery not long before the filming of *The Empire Strikes Back*. The scarring Luke suffers at the clawed hands of the Wampa ice-creature was not all make-up effects.

THE X-WING:
VARIOUS STAGES OF REALISATION

THE CREATION OF THE X-WING STARFIGHTER

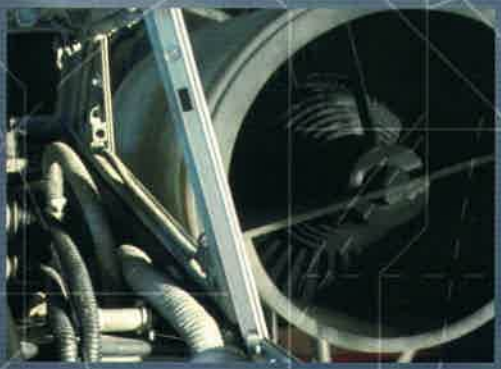
1 Three different X-wings were created for the filming of *Star Wars* Episode IV: *A New Hope*. Small models were used for in-flight shots.

2 In addition to the small models, the production crew built one full-size X-wing for the scenes in the Rebel hangar on Yavin 4.

5 Castings were prepared so that a number of small model X-wings could be assembled from kit components.

6 The paintwork of the small model X-wings was changed to give the impression of many individual, unique ships.

The X-wing design originated from Joe Johnston's sketches and Colin Cantwell's concept models. ILM constructed a variety of effects models in different scales. Their wing markings helped denote which fighter belonged to which pilot.



3 This large version had a fully detailed exterior that was used for all the scenes showing pilots boarding or leaving the fighters.

4 The second version was a simplified exterior, but a detailed cockpit for shooting the pilots inside their X-wings. It had the engines, but nothing else.

7 Identifiable ships were particularly important in the combat scenes. In the original script, the group of X-wings was called Blue Squadron.

8 Blue Squadron became Red Squadron because the blue screen filming technique did not allow the use of X-wings with blue markings!

DID YOU KNOW?

1 WHAT WAS LUKE'S ORIGINAL SURNAME (INSTEAD OF SKYWALKER)?

2 WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE WORD DAGOBAH?

3 WHAT DID OBI-WAN GIVE TO LUKE AFTER HE RESCUED HIM FROM THE TUSKEN RAIDERS?

ANSWERS:

1 Luke's original family name was Starkiller – rejected in the end by George Lucas for sounding too violent.

2 The word 'dagoba' is the Sinhalese name for a 'stupa' – a dome-shaped Buddhist shrine.

3 Obi-Wan gave Luke the lightsaber he had taken from Anakin when they fought on Mustafar.

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Bacara, Commander

Character
Episode III

Commander Bacara served with great distinction in the Clone Wars, commanding the Galactic Marines alongside Jedi General Ki-Adi-Mundi. Though a clone himself, the Commander showed increased individuality as time went on, though this manifested itself as highly aggressive behaviour. The individuality was not to last, however and, when the Emperor issued Order 66, Bacara responded immediately. He and his Marines mercilessly gunned down Ki-Adi-Mundi.

Bagwa, Hermione

Character
Episode II

Hermione was taken in by Coruscant diner owner Dexter Jettster when her father died. A favourite with many of the customers, she was, nonetheless, permanently competing with the waiter droid WA-7.

Bal'demnic

Location
Clone Wars
Animated Series

In the Bak'rafesan system in the Outer Rim Auril sector, the wild and beautiful planet Bal'demnic could have become a shining destination for Outer Rim tourists. However, the evil-tempered reptilian Kon'me were the dominant sentients there. Such were their violently isolationist views that they were passed over for much of the Old Republic, and left to their own devices. During the Clone Wars, conflict erupted on the planet after Separatist forces found valuable ceresis ore there. The Kon'me battled both Separatists and the Republic forces who came to help, finally driving both off their world.

Bantha

Creature
Episodes I, II, IV, and VI

Large, very hairy four-legged beasts of burden, the bantha are believed to have originated on Tatooine, but are found all across the civilised galaxy. They are the venerated central figure of a bizarre religious cult that praises their humility and stoical, hard-working nature.

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